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1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE FROM 12 JANUARY "DAILY TELEGRAPH"
BY NICHOLAS COMFORT IN STOCKHOLM ON WALLEMBERG MAY BE USEFUL
FOR REPLAY. CLIP MAILED TO STOCKHOLM AND MOSCOW.

"FRESH EVIDENCE 'SHOWS RAUL WALLEMBERG IS ALIVE'.

NEW EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE VIEW THAT THE MISSING SWEDISH
DIPLOMAT, RAUL WALLEMBERG, MAY STILL BE ALIVE IN RUSSIA AFTER
36 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY WILL BE DISCLOSED AT AN INTERNATIONAL HEARING
ON THE CASE TO BE HELD IN STOCKHOLM THIS WEEK.

THE HEARING, SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, HAS BEEN
PLANNED TO PUT RENewed PRESSURE ON THE RUSSIANS TO PRODUCE HIM OR
SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIM THAT HE DIED IN THE LUBLJANKA PRISON
IN MOSCOW IN 1947.

IT WILL ALSO EXAMINE CRITICALLY PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT
WALLEMBERG HAS BEEN SEEN ALIVE IN A NUMBER OF SOVIET INSTITUTIONS
SINCE THAT DATE AND AS RECENTLY AS 1976, WHEN THE DISSIDENT JAN
KAPLAN SPOKE TO A MAN BELIEVED TO BE HIM.

THE NEW EVIDENCE, WHICH CAME TO LIGHT ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO,
IS SEEN BY THE RAUL WALLEMBERG ASSOCIATION WHICH HAS ORGANISED
THE HEARING AS CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENING ITS CASE.

'WE HAVE ONLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS IT BY PHONE
AND IT WILL HAVE TO BE CHECKED AT THE HEARING,' SAYS MRS. INGRID
WIDENAM, THE SWEDISH SUPREME COURT JUDGE WHO WILL CHAIR THE
PANEL. 'BUT WE ARE QUITE SURE THAT IT IS RIGHT.'

WHILE THE ASSOCIATION WILL SAY NO MORE ABOUT THE EVIDENCE
UNTIL THE HEARING GETS UNDER WAY, IT IS APPARENTLY QUITE SEPARATE

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FROM REPORTS IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS WHICH CAME BY WAY OF
RUSSIA AND ISRAEL.

Jews Rescued

BALLENBERG, A MERCHANT BANKER SENT BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT
TO BUDAPEST TO RESCUE JEWS FROM ADOLF EICHMANN'S EXTERMINATION
CAMPAIGN AND WHO IS PERSONALLY CREDITED WITH SAVING MORE THAN
20,000 LIVES, WAS ARRESTED BY THE RUSSIANS AFTER THEY TOOK THE
CITY ON JAN. 17, 1945."

"HIS HALF-SISTER, MRS. NINA LAGERGREN, DESCRIBES AS A
'MIRACLE' THE CONTINUING EMERGENCE OF EVIDENCE AND BECOMES HELP FROM
POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IF IT WILL
RESOLVE THE QUESTION.

THE BROAD DEGREE OF INTEREST IN THE CASE IS REFLECTED IN THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL WHICH WILL SHORTLY ASSEMBLE IN STOCKHOLM.

IT RANGES FROM PROF. GUY VON DARDER, HIS HALF-BROTHER, TO
MRS. ANNETTE LANTOS, WIFE OF AN AMERICAN CONGRESSMAN RESCUED
AS A CHILD BY BALLENBERG, MR. SIMON WIESENTHAL, THE TRACER
OF WAR CRIMINALS, AND DR. GIDEON HAUSNER, PROSECUTOR IN THE
EICHMANN TRIAL.

THE ORGANISERS HOPE THAT BRITAIN WILL BE REPRESENTED BY
MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL MP, WHO HAS TAKEN A CLOSE INTEREST IN THE
CASE. MR. GREVILLE JANNER QC, WHO HAS CAMPAIGNED ON HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUES AT WESTMINSTER AND MAURICE SAMUELSON, A JOURNALIST AND
SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH NAUOL BALLENBERG WORKING GROUP."

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